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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the reason for a higher scale of pay to the officers mentioned in clause (c) ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" This is an important matter and the whole thing will have to be examined."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the Government are prepared to credit the fees earned by these men for their practice during the hospital hours to the Government ? The Radiologist is carrying on private practice with Government apparatus and Government materials and may I know why the Government allow him to take 80 per cent of the earnings ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The answer says that for the use of the Government materials a certain percentage of the fees is credited to the Government."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" If any private practitioner skilled in X-ray is willing to use the Government materials and give 99 per cent to the Government and take only one per cent for himself, will the Government allow him to do so ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" This is a hypothetical question."

Education

Alleged proselytisation of a Hindu student at Mangalore.

* 1809 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received the information with regard to the alleged proselytisation in the St. Aloysius' College, Mangalore, of a Hindu student to Christianity (vide my supplemental question No. 1057, dated 2nd November 1927) ;

(b) what further steps the Government propose to take in the matter ; and

(c) what objections have Government to include a provision in the Grant-in-Aid Code prohibiting proselytisation similar to the one against political agitation contained in rule 2 of the present Grant-in-Aid Code ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government understand that the conversion in question was a voluntary act on the part of the pupil and do not accordingly propose to pursue the matter.

(c) Proselytisation does not stand on the same footing as political agitation.

The Director of Public Instruction is being asked to issue instructions to District Educational Officers to see that teachers do not actively engage themselves in the task of converting pupils in schools.